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Mrs. Sandlin New Chairman

By Joanne Brown

Two-term veteran school committee member Rosemary Sandlin was elected chairman of that board at their meeting last Tuesday night. A 5-2 vote approved Raymond Saracino's nomination, with Walter Balboni and Roberta Doering voting in the negative.

Immediately afterwards, Donald Charest was elected vice chairman and Jessie Fuller, secretary.

Charest has thirteen years experience in managing business affairs of neighboring school districts and is expected to serve as the "watchdog" over the budget this year when the full effects of Proposition 2½ will be felt.

In a brief statement made in accepting the chair, Mrs. Sandlin expressed her intention of encouraging open discussion among all board members and of focusing comments on issues, not personalities.

She also declared her intention of relying on her vice chairman's expertise in budgetary matters and to cooperate fully with the Town Council.

"As I see it, the role of the chairman is to lead the board during the tough year facing us with budget and negotiations with the teachers," Mrs. Sandlin said. "We have a good board, though, and I'm confident that we'll be able to meet these challenges through our combined efforts."

Both Mrs. Sandlin and Charest expressed their belief in the open-mindedness of the Town Council regarding the school budget. "We all have the best interests of our children's education at heart," Mrs. Sandlin noted.

Charest sees his role as vice chairman to be an assistant to Mrs. Sandlin, not just to be there "in case."

"I think the vice chairman has an obligation to stay aware of all that's going on so that if he takes over, he is fully ready and able," Charest explained.

He said he intends to be very vocal at meetings and to use his budgetary experience in aiding the entire committee during upcoming crucial decisions.

Newly Elected School Board Chairman
Mrs. Rosemary Sandlin

DPW NOTICE

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents that the location of the winter sand has been moved to the rear of the Town Hall Annex at 36 Main Street. This move was necessary to provide better control over the acquisition of the sand.

The sand is provided solely for the use of residents in the control of ice on sidewalks in front of their homes. It contains rocksalt to aid in de-icing.

At its prior location at Mill Street and Route 57, the sand was being taken by trucks in large quantities for use on private property. As a result, often there was not sufficient sand at the site for its intended use.

Assessments Hit Community

Town Council President Donald Rheault today advised residents who have questions or complaints concerning their property assessments to immediately contact the firm hired by the town to conduct the assessments at Town Hall.

Topic Of Conversation

Over the past week residents received their new property assessments, and the subject has become the topic of conversation throughout the community.

United Appraisals Inc., hired by former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen to conduct the assessments, told residents in its letter the firm will have a three-week discussion period in which property owners can visit Town Hall and raise questions and possibly get their appraisals changed.

The hallmark of Bowen's fiscal 1981-82 budget message last spring was the town's being at an assessed value of $450 million.

Rheault asked residents not to panic upon reviewing their assessments despite their property being appraised at 2-4 times the value it was 10 years ago.

He noted that the restrictions of Proposition 2 1/2 limits the property taxation to a maximum of $25 per $1,000 in assessed property value.

Town officials are still calculating the tax rate at presstime, and unofficial word appears that the rate may be as high as $25, but it could fall between $21 and $23.

Last year the rate was set at $55.00 per $1,000 in assessed property value.

Rheault complained that the approved rate hikes in water and sewer fees here of 60 and 125 percent respectively combined with the 100 percent property evaluation could negate any advantages gained by Proposition 2 1/2.

Are We Now Competitive?

"After taking into consideration the hikes in water and sewer fees and with the new property revaluations, I wonder if we are now in a competitive range with surrounding communities."

According to Rheault, the council's move to raise water and sewer fees last year, a critical area of Bowen's budget message, came without sufficient scrutiny of the budget.

"I think closer scrutiny of the various departments and some further cuts in the budget itself could have prevented the big hike in water and sewer fees."

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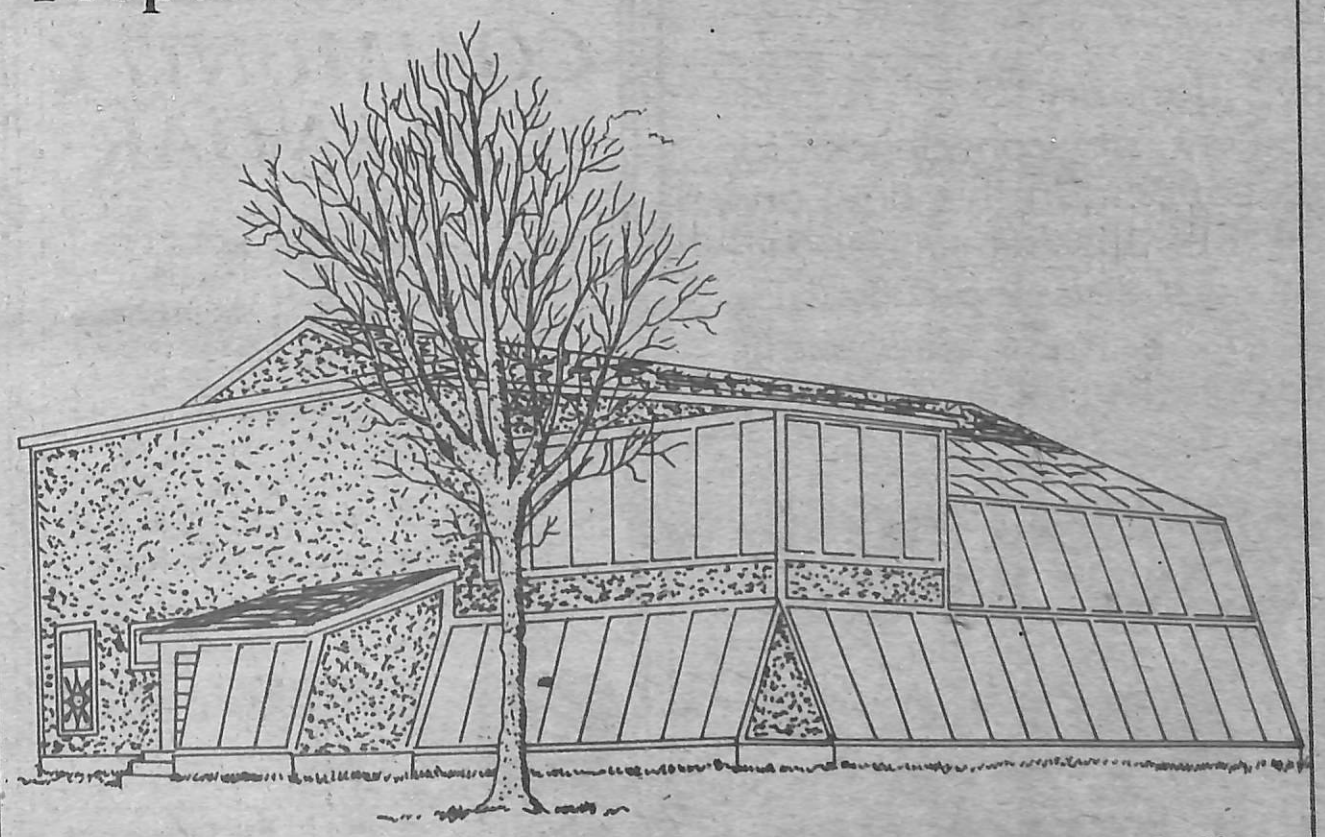
Proposed Restaurant For Green Gables



ERNEST LOMBARIDI, owner and operator of J.W.Wimpy's, is planning a steak and seafood house at the Green Gables on River Road pending an approval of a variance request by the Board of Appeals. This artist's rendering shows the solar windows at top. SEE RELATED STORY on page 5.

Bruno Unveils School Budget

By Joanne Brown

School Department officials unveiled an $8.1 million budget to School Committee members last Tuesday, stressing that the figure represented total requests from principals with no cuts at all yet made.

The overall figure of $8,116,669 is approximately 9.2% over last year's total budget of $7,433,599. Of the current requests, over $6 million, or 80.2%, represents salaries for all personnel with provision included for eliminating 6½ teaching positions due to declining elementary enrollment.

Other accounts reflecting increases are that of programs with other districts, representing mandated 766 programs for the most part, and the equipment account.

According to James Coon, business manager, the $8.1 million figure is not expected to hold. He repeatedly emphasized to board members that the figure represents total requests with no administrative cuts yet recommended.

Presenting the budget in this manner is a variation from past practice in which administrators would make initial cuts prior to bringing the budget to the committee.

Charest To Be Budget Watchdog

By Joanne Brown

Donald Charest

[Editor's Note: The following article is the first in a series introducing the new School Committee members to our readers. In the following weeks, reporter Joanne Brown will also present interviews with newcomers Raymond Saracino and Bernadette Conte.]

Donald Charest is returning to the School Committee after a six-year hiatus following two terms on the board in the seventies.

Charest brings with his return some creditable expertise in budgetary areas and with contract negotiations as he has thirteen years experience as business manager in school systems in Granby and Northampton, Massachusetts. This experience should serve the town well this year as the teachers' contract comes up for negotiation and crucial decisions will be called for to meet mandates of Proposition 2½.

"I personally want to get involved with negotiations this year along with Attorney Teahan," Charest remarked. "I really think a member of the School Committee should be present, not to do the actual negotiating, but to close the distance between teachers and board members."

Charest believes Teahan should be given initial guidelines for negotiating with the Agawam Education Association, but that weekly updates on progress should be reported to the committee by board representatives or by business manager James Coon.

He has expressed his intention to be very vocal at board meetings and hopes his background in budget areas can help other members.

"The biggest challenge facing the School Committee now is the loss of fiscal autonomy and the need to work with the fifteen members of the Town Council," Charest pointed out. "Before this, we had only seven individuals working together, but now we must convince fifteen others of the needs of our school system."

Charest does not view this required cooperation as bad. He said, "We are now brought one step closer to those who elected us. We now have to open the dollars and cents of the School Deparment more to the public."

He is optimistic that newly elected council president Donald Rheault will keep an open mind to the needs of the school system.

Charest reaffirmed his stand on the public's attending meetings by pointing out that he has been used to over 100 individuals at meetings held in other towns and firmly believes that "if they hear something, it should come directly from board members so no questions can come up about what was said or done."

He sees the coming year as a growing stage for the nine administrators who have recently assumed their new positions. He noted that Superintendent of Schools James Bruno will need support in moving the Agawam schools forward and should get it from those under him.

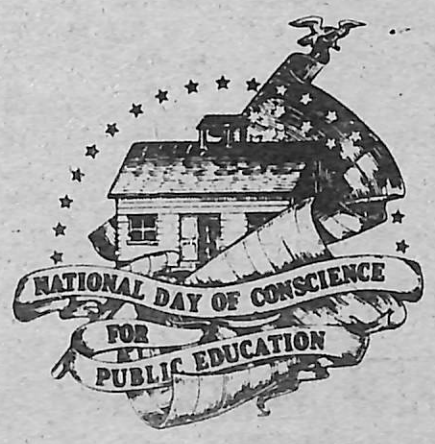
"It's a definite plus for Bruno that he got all of the individuals he wanted appointed," he said, "and the coming year will offer a healthy challenge to all of these people."

Insuring that all students - especially those usually considered "average" - get as good an education as possible is one of Charest's personal goals. He does not want to see any child "shortchanged" because he may not be "special" in some way.

"Emphasis seems to have shifted to specialized areas, but I believe there should be equal emphasis on the kids who fall in between," he concluded.

"Civilization is a race between education and catastrophe."

-H.G. Wells



Sunday, January 17, is the National Day of Conscience for Public Education. On this day, and every day, we must remember that America depends on public education. Let's make sure public education can depend on America.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 19th
Agawam Juniors Meet
Captain Leonard House
7:30 P.M.

Wed. Jan. 20th
Secretaries Meet
Colosseum 5:30 P.M.

Jan. 28th
Stress Workshop
Agawam Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Jan. 27th & 28th
Auditions
Suffield Players
"Glass Menagerie"
8:00 P.M.

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Desi's Place Gets Tough Reprimand From Commission

By Stuart Parker

"I'm going to kill everyone in the place," were the words Police Sergeant Robert Rossi testified he heard before disarming a disorderly baseball bat-wielding man in front of a local liquor establishment in the late evening hours on December 24th.

Heated Meeting

The disturbance, the subject of a heated Liquor Licensing Commission meeting Tuesday, occurred at Desi's Place on the corner of Kensington and Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The incident resulted in the hospitalization of one man and triggered a complaint against the owners of Desi's Place from Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski and resulted in an official reprimand from commissioners Joseph Dahdah, Jack Chriscola and Richard DiLullo.

During his key testimony, Rossi recalled that an emergency call from Desi's Place at 1:01 am on December 25 required the response of all cruisers on duty as well as two officers from another shift.

John Morrissey, an employee at Desi's Place, testified that fighting with pool cues and glass bottles lasted for approximately 20 minutes before police were notified. After calling police, Morrissey said he attempted to force the men engaged in the fracas out the door and into the parking lot.

Locked The Doors

Morrissey said he immediately locked the doors amidst what he described as "crowded conditions" inside the bar. He said police arrived in approximately two minutes after being called.

Upon arriving at the scene, Rossi said, "If we had arrived about thirty seconds later I think we would have walked into a real blood-bath." Rossi said tables, pool cues, and broken glass were strewn about the lounge and described the patrons as "hysterical."

Owner and operator of Desi's Place, Robert DeSimone, and legal counsel, Dana Goodman, contended that the fracas was caused by five customers from West Springfield whom they had never seen before.

In explaining the incident to commissioners, they further argued that since their purchase of the former Kelly's Pub, a well-known trouble spot, disturbances involving police had declined.

The commission, however, maintained that the establishment still had its problems and these improvements were not substantial.

"Same Old Thing"

"It's the same old thing," said commission chairman Joseph Dahdah, referring to the recent complaints. DiLullo pointed out that several agreements between the commission and DeSimone had yet to be honored and said if they were not complied with soon, he would support revoking Desimone's liquor license.

At the conclusion of DeSimone's first reprimand, Dahdah further warned, "If you come before us again with another serious problem, don't even bother bringing your attorney."

During the proceedings, police, commissioners and DeSimone formulated a cooperative plan which they hope will put an end to lawless activities in and around the bar. DeSimone will again appear before the Liquor Commission on February 9 to give a progress report to the commissioners.

Commissioners said they wanted to see a strong reversal of the establishment's problems during the winter months before the busy springtime and summer season arrives.

Rheault To Make Appointments At Monday Meeting

Newly elected Town Council President Donald Rheault, wasting no time in reorganizing the council, today told the *Advertiser/News* that he will announce the appointments of all council budget subcommittees and standing committees at the regular council meeting Monday.

In the related area of the budget process, Rheault also disclosed that he will unveil a new budgetary process that is "cost and time efficient."

Conferred With Roberts On Appointments

Rheault today said he conferred with council vice-president Dennis Roberts for more than 3 hours after calling all members of the 15-member body to receive suggestions on committee appointments.

According to Rheault, a veteran councilor from Precinct 3, five special budget subcommittees and nine standing committees will be appointed at Monday's meeting scheduled for the public library at 8:00 p.m.

"Dennis and I discussed each committee in depth. My discussions with all members of the council on what committee they wished to serve were taken into consideration, and we think our appointments reflect a good balance and mix," Rheault said.

Equal Responsibility For Monies Allocated

In bringing back the budget subcommittees which were dropped by the council last year on the request of former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, Rheault said he has organized each subcommittee with appromixate monetary responsibilites, a first here.

"In organizing the committees we thought it best to give each of the five budget subcommittees $2 million of responsibility so that all councilors will be involved in major decisions during the budget process.

Rheault's breakdown in the subcommittees are as follows: 1) council budget, manager's account, clerk, treasurer, collector, assessor, election commission, building administration and lines items.

2) Police, fire, weights and measures, building inspector, forestry, and civil defense.

3) Park and recreation, school maintenance, youth commission, capital budget, council on aging, library and health.

4) School budget.

5) Department of Public Works, water, sanitation, highways, administration, engineering, board of appeals, planning board, dog control and data processing.

Rheault said each budget subcommittee will have a chairman and two serving members.

Caba Impressed With Preliminaries

Although Rheault would give no specific details on the new budget process, he did say Town Manager Edward A. Caba was impressed with the procedures during preliminary discussions last week.

"The Rheault-Roberts leadership wants to bring the budget process back to the council that was missing last year," he said.

The standing committees to be appointed Monday are: Ordinance Committee, Route 57 Committee, Utility Committee, Rules and Regulations, Street Acceptance, Cable TV, and Bargaining and Policies.

Two new committees to be appointed are the Danahy Bell Memorial Committee (responsible for placing the school bell at the closed Danahy School on the front lawn of Town Hall as a veterans memorial) and the Hazardous Waste Committee.

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Civil Service To Go Local At Town Hall

By Stuart Parker

Town Manager Edward A. Caba today told the *Advertiser/News* that his executive assistant, Kay Pisano, will be responsible for the administration of approximately 100 civil service employees in the Department of Public Works, Park and Recreation, and school cafeteria and maintenance workers no longer handled by the Commonwealth.

Because the state has cited the need for fiscal austerity on its own, cities and towns are now forced to shoulder the responsibility. Some of Mrs. Pisano's responsibilities include taking applications and assigning jobs to civil service employees who are laborers or who are hired without taking the examination test.

"Kay will find out on January 19 what other responsibilities the town must absorb and what civil service criteria will apply," said Caba, referring to state sponsored workshops at Belchertown State School scheduled between January 19 and 21.

While Caba said he favors the state's decision, he regrets the timing of the turnover and additional expenses to the town.

"It couldn't have come at a worse time," Caba said. "We're swamped with work right now, especially with the tax assessments. This is going to take 20 to 30 percent of Kay's time."

One of the advantages of the town controlling civil service, according to Caba, will be the town's ability to hire personnel at an accelerated pace rather than waiting for the cumbersome methods of the state.

The hiring of police and firefighters on the state civil service list will not change. Caba said of this, "I wish we could do this with the police and firemen. It sure would cut through a lot of red tape and bureaucracy."

Caba would not rule out the possibility of reinstating the town's personnel board eliminated by former Town Manager James D. Westman but said he would wait for the seminar at Belchertown so it could evaluate his options in handling personnel.

He said it was necessary for a middle management employee to be put in charge of handling civil service employees.

The old personnel board consisted of two citizens, two civil service employees, two town administrators, and a personnel director. Members of this board served on a voluntary basis.

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He added, "If we found that as a last resort the hikes were necessary, then they were necessary."

Rheault noted that Bowen's proposed hikes in the rubbish and ambulance fees were defeated and the town's budget has remained stable.

Rheault noted that Bowen's figure of $450 million figure in assessing the town's value may have been "a little high."

Appeals Board To Vote On Riverside Seafood Restaurant

Board of Appeals Chairman Theodore Progulske said the three member board is still awaiting floor plans for the proposed conversion of the Green Gables lounge into a steak and seafood house overlooking the Connecticut River before rendering a final decision on the zoning variance.

Ernest Lombardi, owner and operator of the popular J.W. Wimpy's on Walnut Street Extension, has petitioned the appeals board for the variance for his Green Gables Lounge at 395 River Road.

Progulske said the detailed floor plans to be submitted by Lombardi and his associates will give the appeals board a "better handle on the building as a whole."

Under site plans, Lombardi will invest some $140,000 to extend the front of his building and enclose it in glass for passive solar heating and an aesthetic effect.

At the appeals board's recent public hearing on the variance request, little opposition surfaced from abutting neighbors who, according to Progulske, see the possibility of a high class restaurant and corresponding lounge an improvement to the current conditions of the site with the proper safeguards attached to the plan.

"The impression we got was the neighbors believe that Mr. Lombardi's plans would be a major improvement to what presently exists," Progulske said.

Progulske said the board is approaching the request with an open mind and will give its verdict on the the basis of meeting legal requirements and with the best interests of the neighborhood and town in mind.

Asked if Lombardi's successful track record at J.W. Wimpy's, a well-known deli-pub has any bearing on the decision, Progulske responded, "The fact that the operators are from town and have a track record of success in the food operating business could have some bearing on the matter but not in legal terms."

Progulske did say that the lack of opposition from abutters also could have an impact on the board's decision.

When asked about his plans, Lombardi said the townspeople would benefit from his new steak and seafood house "just as they have from J.W. Wimpy's."

"The plans we have for our restaurant overlooking the Connecticut River will add a touch of class to dining out for residents of the town. The Connecticut River has come a long way in the past 10 years and we should be taking advantage of it."

He noted that the regional efforts to clean the river of pollution and to develop its banks goes "hand-in-hand" with his proposal.

"Up and down the river there are things happening and I think the plans we have for our new steak and seafood house fit right into this mold," he added.

The board has 75 days to make a decision on the variance request.

See Drawing On Page 1

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SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGI shivers in the cold while directing traffic on Suffield Street on Tuesday. The mercury rose to just 12 degrees during the day in Agawam. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

DPW Advises Residents On Snow

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to advise residents of the town's ordinances and its policy concerning removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

The ordinances require that tenants, occupants, or owners of property abutting any street where there is a sidewalk shall 1) clear the sidewalk of snow within 24 hours after the cessation of any snowfall or the drifting or depositing of snow thereon, and 2) remove ice from the sidewalk or cover the ice with sand or other suitable substance within 24 hours of the sidewalk's becoming encumbered with ice.

The Department of Public Works is authorized by ordinance to plow snow from sidewalks on main arteries where children are required to walk to school. It is the policy of the town to plow snow from these sidewalks whenever the snowfall exceeds three inches. After storms of lesser magnitude the removal of the snow is the responsibility of the resident.

To assist the resident in the control of ice on the sidewalks, the DPW makes available a mixture of sand and salt. This mixture can be obtained in limited quantitites at the rear of Town Hall.

The cooperation of residents in the maintenance of sidewalks will be greatly appreciated.

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NEED INFORMATION ON WOOD STOVES? The experts at C. & J. Distributors have been in the business for many years and can answer any and all questions you may have. Photo by Jack Devine.

Season Ripe For Wood Stoves

By Dorine Kubik

If you have seen large black metal boxes attached to fireplace openings with a tea kettle bubbling merrily away, what you are actually seeing is a type of wood-burning stove and not a trap to capture Santa Claus.

These fireplace-installed stoves are very popular with those who may utilize an existing chimney. These stoves are efficient as they are airtight, and one happy stove owner has saved an estimated $800 in one heating season by burning only four 20-inch logs a day.

The latest in models of woodburning stoves are available here in Agawam at the Stove Shop at 1226 Springfield Street. Owner William Janulewicz carries varieties for burning wood or coal and willingly offers some tips on the best way to install a stove in your home by yourself.

He recommends first obtaining from the town's Building Department their specific do's and don't's. If you would prefer to have someone else install a stove for you, the Stove Shop can put you in touch with experienced men.

All of the stoves and accessories at the shop are UL approved. Among the models carried are fireplace inserts, free-standing units, and add-on furnaces for burning wood or coal. The shop sells and recommends using a stove temperature gauge to be used to monitor the temperature necessary to keep the wood fire at a level that will lessen creosote build-up. One may also purchase a baking oven with a heat indicator that may be set on top of a wood stove to bake a cake while one heats his home.

In Massachusetts, residents are required to have a permit to install wood-burning stoves. Deputy Building Inspector Mauro DiClementi advises Agawam residents to first obtain a $15 permit from his department before installation begins.

Also, prior to purchasing a stove, seek out models which have been tested and approved by an accredited laboratory for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To date, there are twelve such agencies, and approval of stoves is usually indicated by a plate attached to the stove.

After the stove is installed, inspectors from the Building Department will arrange to have the installation checked out.

Once all of this is done, sit back, enjoy your warmth, and worry a little less about the high cost of energy.

Digital Donates To Counseling Center

The Agawam Counseling and Youth Services Center recently received a contribution of $450 from the Digital-Westfield Contributions Committee, which is comprised of employees at Digital's Westfield plant.

The money has been designated for repair and replacement of equipment used in the center's programs for children and youth. These programs stress the development of self-confidence and the ability to work with others effectively. Wilderness activities, such as canoeing and rock climbing, are used as a means of achieving these goals and maintaining interest.

The center is largely dependent on contributions from private corporations and civic groups for such purchases. Digital's contribution is viewed as a welcome boost to the center's youth programs.

Bertha Janulewicz, of C. & J. Distributors, showsoff one of the many fine stoves found at the Feeding Hills located business. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Town Cookbook

By Mary Ann Govoni

Winter is a great time to enjoy soups. With the colder weather upon us, the following recipes are all soups which can be served before meals or after a day of skating or skiing.

FRENCH ONION SOUP

3 cups sliced onions (3 medium ones)
2 tblsp butter or marg.
4 cups chicken or beef broth
Salt & pepper
Croutons
Parmesan cheese, grated

In a large, covered saucepan, cook onions in butter over low heat about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth, salt and pepper. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover and simmer about 30 minutes. Place soup in four soup bowls, place croutons on top, sprinkle with cheese and serve.

POTATO CHOWDER

1 stick butter or marg.
4 medium onions, peeled and sliced
8 medium potatoes, cubed (about 2½ cups)
½ cup water
Salt & pepepr to taste
3 cups milk
3 level tblsp flour
Parmesan cheese (optional)

Melt butter, add onions, saute until tender stirring often. (Do not brown.) Put cubed potatoes in strainer and rinse under cold water. Drop potatoes into onions, add water, cover and cook slowly until potatoes are tender (about 35 minutes). Stir often. Mix the flour and the milk in a large bowl using a wire whisk to be sure there are no lumps. Pour into onions and potatoes, and add salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook over low heat, stir often until mixture is very hot. This is a very thick chowder.

This next recipe comes from my aunt, Mrs. Francis Leone, of West Springfield.

ITALIAN LENTIL MEATBALL SOUP

½ pound lentils
2 quarts water
4 cups chicken broth
1 tblsp salt
Pepper to taste
2 tblsp oil
1 large onion, chopped
3 carrots, pared and diced
1 pound escarole, chopped
1 can (1 lb.) peeled tomatoes

MEATBALLS

1 pound ground lean beef
Dash of salt & pepper
1 egg
½ cup dry bread crumbs
3 tblsp grated Parmesan cheese
¼ cup milk
½ tsp chopped parsley

Rinse lentils. Combine with water in a large saucepan. Bring to boil, then simmer 15 minutes. Add all remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer one hour. Mix meatball ingredients and shape into tiny balls. Drop into soup and simmer ten more minutes.

For Senior Citizens...

New Beginnings

By Rita White

The new year certainly brought us an unwelcome gift in the form of this frigid weather. Please remember how very bad this type of weather can be. Just breathing in this artic air can be dangerous, particularly if you have any type of breathing problems.

Be sure to dress warmly and remember that several layers of loose clothing is better than one big and heavy coat. Wear a scarf and when you are actually out in the wind and cold, try to hold your scarf over your mouth to reduce the icy air being taken in.

These are some good days for sharing heat. A group of you can get together and plan a day at each of your homes. This means only keeping your home extra warm for one day of several. It can help with the fuel bills and also the company of each other can help to deter the depression and blues that often hits after the holidays.

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A correction for the date of the trip to Coachlight Dinner Theatre. The correct date is FEBRUARY 18th.

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Beginning February 2 and every second Tuesday after that, there will be tax assistance offered to seniors at the Senior Center. You must make an appointment for this service. If you wish to get your taxes completed early, be sure and call and make your appointment now.

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Happy birthday going out to HAZEL GATES on January 14th and to AMELIA RIVERS and JOHN CARLSON on January 15th. I hope this is a wonderful year for you all.

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Anyone interested in a good lunch next week can look forward to the following: **Monday**, chicken chop suey; **Tuesday**, lamb patties; **Wednesday**, turkey fricassee; **Thursday**, American chop suey and **Friday**, clam chowder and grilled cheese.

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We have something that should be great fun coming up at the Senior Center and we want to let you know about it early so you will have plenty of time to get ready for it.

On February 11, the Senior Center will have its VALENTINE DAY'S PARTY. Now, here is the catch. All seniors can come to lunch, as usual. However, if you plan to stay for the party, you must be in costume. This doesn't mean that you have to go out and buy something elaborate. Be original and creative. Wear a funny hat. Wear your dress backwards. Husband and wife can exchange clothes. Wear two different shoes.

Ladies could braid their hair and wear ribbons like a little girl would. Guys, find an old tattered shirt and coat and come as a hobo. These are just a some very simple and basic ideas. You can obviously come up with some really great things. So start planning now and be ready for all the fun.

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Heart Baskets	Sat.	1/30	9:30 - 12:00	5.00
Fancy Frames	Sat.	1/30	1-3:30	5.00
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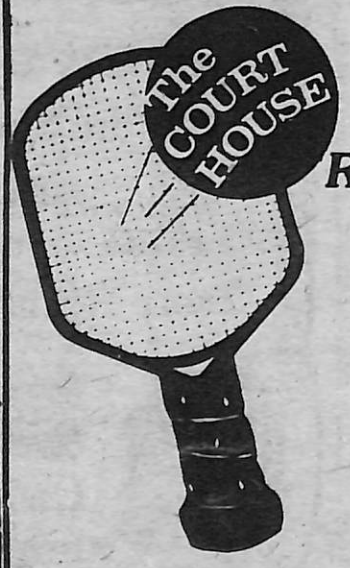

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SOCIAL

Mrs. Ann Einzig

Ann Liddell Weds Robert A. Einzig

The Carriage House, Regency Park, Agawam, was the setting Saturday evening, January 9, 1982, for the double-ring candlelight ceremony for the marriage of Ann E. Liddell and Robert A. Einzig.

Mrs. Nancy Bulmer, sister of the bride, attended as matron of honor, and Dr. Mark Einzig, brother of the groom, stood as best man.

The bride is the daughter of Rosalie Bruno Talbot of Agawam and Charles S. Liddell of West Springfield. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Einzig of Hempstead, Long Island, New York.

The bride wore an ivory two-piece chiffon gown with removable bolero jacket of Schiffli lace. She wore a crown of silk flowers with fingertip embroidered illusion veil and carried a cascade of red and white roses.

A graduate of Agawam High School, the bride will receive a bachelor's degree in May from the Swain School of Design in New Bedford, Massachusetts with a major in photography and graphic design.

The groom is a graduate of Hofstra University and is city editor for the *Springfield Union* and *Republican*.

The couple will reside in Feeding Hills.

Juniors Announce Drawing Winners

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has announced the winners in their Christmas Community Club sponsored by them jointly with the Agawam Rotary.

Seventh week winners are Marge Feil, $50; Irene Smith, $50; Valerie Semanie, $25; and Barbara Connery, $25.

Eighth week winners are John Werbicki, $50; Christine Short, $50; Marie Whooley, $25; and Diane Beard, $25.

Ninth week winners are Richard Nugent, $50; Mary McGrath, $50; Sue Bonini, $25; and Tim O'Connor, $25.

Tenth week winners are Cathy DeBonville, $50; Mary Ghidoni, $50; Diane Beard, $25; and Debbie Barnes, $25.

The grand prize drawing held on December 16th for $500 went to Gerald Nadeau of Westfield.

Clearinghouse Donors Thanked

The Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to extend public thanks to the many individuals and groups who helped to make the holiday Clearinghouse baskets a possibility for needy families in Agawam.

The following is a list of those who generously donated towards the happiness of others:

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St. David's Church
Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Club
Milton Bradley

Many thanks also to the most generous individuals who donated and to Richard Sardella and his staff at the *Agawam Advertiser/News* for their generous coverage and support of our Clearinghouse project.

Merri-weds To Sponsor Roast Beef Dinner

The Merri-weds of Agawam Congregational Church will sponsor a roast beef dinner at the church social room, 745 Main Street, on Thursday, February 4th. Two sittings have been scheduled: one at 5 and the other at 6:15 p.m.

Cost for adults will be $4.50 and for children 12 or under, $2.50. Call 786-7111 or 786-7040 for reservations on or before February 2nd.

Please Send Us Your Social Announcements Call (413) 786-7747

PWP To Meet

Parents Without Partners Chapter 990 will feature polka music at its dance on Saturday, January 16th, at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 12:30.

Members of other PWP chapters are welcome.

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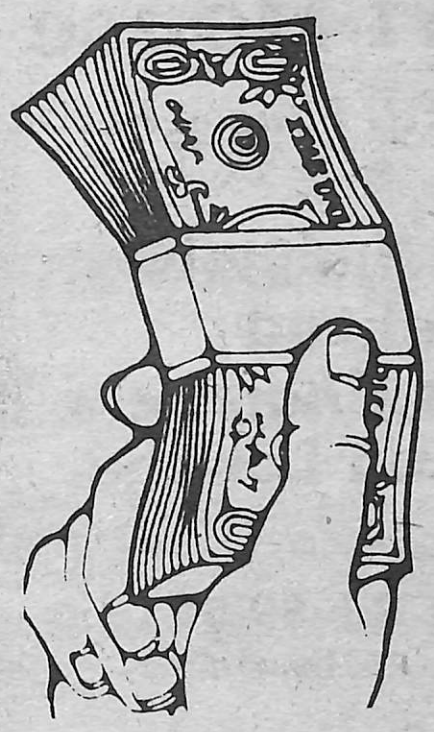

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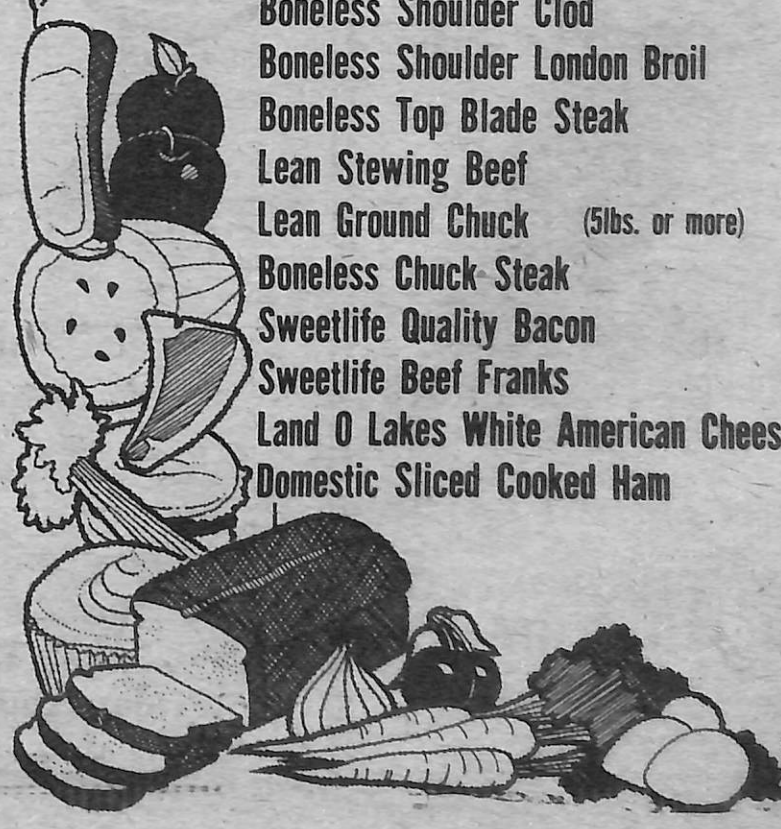

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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

A special Happy 27th Anniversary going out to Feeding Hills Postmaster JOSEPH DAHDAH and his lovely wife JOAN. January 8th was the special day.

The Dahdahs have three children, KRISTIN, who is a junior at Agawam High; GARTH, currently attending Western New England College; and KURT, who has already finished college and works for NCR out of Hartford. This is a family that is a real asset to our community.

When asked the secret of making 27 years, Joe says it's just a matter of "working hard at it, especially when there are hard times." Here's wishing the Dahdahs another happy 27.

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Happy 44th Anniversary to BETH & DICK MELVILLE. Dick says that if the next 44 can be guaranteed as good as the first, he'll stay around for them.

The couple's seven children are all grown and married now and spread across the country. The Melvilles will be leaving next week to spend the rest of the winter with their daughter and son-in-law in Florida. They plan to try and find a little warm sunshine and have the fun of spoiling some grandchildren while they are there. We wish you another happy 44.

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Now that the flurry of the holidays is over and all the special attention we give others is done, don't forget the residents at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Just as we tend to get post-season depression, so do they. Let them know they are still remembered by dropping in for a visit. There is always someone who would liek to have a friendly person to talk to and others who would like to be read to or just to have someone to play checkers with.

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A special birthday wish goes out this week a bit prematurely. PENNY STONE, the original author of this column who is now working as editor of this publication's sister newspaper *The Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News*, will observe her ???? birthday on Monday, January 18th. We certainly do wish the very best for her this year and in all the coming years.

Library To Sponsor Stress Workshop

If "being good to myself," "relaxing more," or "improving my health" sound like some of your New Year's resolutions, you may wish to attend the Agawam Public Library's workshop on ways to deal constructively with the stresses of everyday life.

The program is free, open to the public, and will be held on Thursday evening, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration for the workshop can be arranged in person or by calling the library at 789-1550.

Learning simple, practical relaxation exercises for dealing with stress will be the primary focus of the program. A few self-message techniques will also be demonstrated.

Increasing energy, stamina, feelings of well-being, and improving digestion, relieving stiffness, soreness, shoulder and back pains are only a few of the benefits of employing relaxation techniques. In addition, public health officials increasingly recognize that relaxation techniques help to lower blood pressure in many individuals.

Easter Seal Society Forms Stroke Clubs

Stroke is a disability which can affect people of all ages, not just senior citizens. Easter Seals Stroke Clubs ease the road to recovery for those who have suffered a stroke.

The Hampden County Easter Seal Stroke Club is a support group for people who have had a stroke and for their families and friends. The club presents both informational and social meetings, and participants come and share concerns, accomplishments, and learn from experts and each other how to live satisfying and independent lives.

The club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the West Springfield police station. For more information, contact Susan Taylor at the Easter Seal office at 380 Union Street, West Springfield, (413) 734-6434.

Secretaries To Meet

The regular meeting of Springfield chapter, Professional Secretaries International will be held at the Colosseum on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, on Wednesday, January 20th, with social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30.

Joseph Carvalho will be guest speaker on the topic of "You and Your Heritage." Carvalho is geneology and local history librarian at Springfield City Library.

Reservations should be made by January 15th to Mrs. Hope MacRobbie, 11 Kennedy Drive, Hadley.

RICHARD J. WHITTAKER

Westbank Promotes Richard Whittaker

Richard J. Whittaker of Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Park West Bank and Trust Company, according to Theodore P. Kosior, president.

Whittaker joined Westbank in 1975 as manager of the Collection Department. He was promoted to assistant treasurer in 1977. In addition to being a consumer lending officer, he is in charge of the Master Card/VISA Merchant Deposit program, the American Express Gold Card program, the Money One program, and the Massachusetts Higher Education Student Lending program.

A native of Chicopee, he graduated from Northampton Junior College and attended American International College.

Whittaker is a captain of the 104th Tactical Fighter Group in the Massachusetts National Guard. He has served for five years on the executive board of the American Cancer Society and on the Special Gifts Committee of the Pioneer Valley United Way.

He is married to the former Joanne Gilrein of Chicopee, and they have two daughters, Leigh and Beth.

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Promoting The Heart Fund Ball

WESTERN MASS. HEART FUND OFFICIALS FROM AGAWAM, Jack Devine and Tony Saracino, go through last year's Heart Fund Ball Program Book to get a few ideas for this year's book. The annual Heart Fund Ball, to be held in February at Chez Josef, is to benefit the American Heart Association's Western Mass. Chapter.

Agawam Juniors To Meet

Pam Dougherty, home finder for the Department of Social Services in Westfield, will be the guest speaker at the Agawam Junior Women's Club's monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House.

Ms. Dougherty will speak to the group on the role of today's family in foster care. She will discuss the home-finding procedure, legal aspects and enjoyment of foster care. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The general public is welcome to attend this program.

Agriculture Committee Elects New Officers

Hampden County's newly elected committeemen to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee met last month. Members of this committee are elected by other farmers in the county.

Community A includes Agawam, Feeding Hills, Granville, Tolland, and Southwick. Elected from Feeding Hills are Richard Taylor as first alternate and Mark Brown as second alternate.

ASCS helps farmers and land owners to conserve soil, water, and forest resources by encouraging best management practices. It works with the Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service along with the Cooperative Extension Service to provide technical, educational, and financial assistance for conservation purposes.

If you are interested in finding out more, stop by the ASCS office between 8:00 and 4:30 at 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, or call 732-5215.

Heritage Hall Slates Nurses' Workshop

Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Agawam, and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts will jointly sponsor an inservice workshop for all registered nurses and licensed practical nurses on techniques of suctioning and tracheostomy care. This two-session workshop will take place on Wedesday, February 3rd and 17th. Both sessions must be attended to receive full credit for CEU's.

The sessions are scheduled for West Building at Heritage Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Instructors will be Marie E. Lemoine, R.N., and Jan Healy, R.N.

The course is approved for four contact hours for LPN's and 4.3 contact hours for RN's. It is open to all licensed personnel and anyone interested in attending should contact Mrs. Constance Henning at 786-8000 between 8:30 and 4:30 Monday through Friday bfore January 29th.

The course is free to Heritage Hall personnel and will cost $7 for all others. The program will be limited to fifty participants.

Noble Hospital Offers Nurses Pediatric Program

Noble Hospital's Inservice Education Department is presenting a two-part pediatric program open to all area registered nurses and licensed practical nurses and of special interest to those seeking to accumulate contact hours to meet re-registration requirements.

Mrs. Louise Urbanowicz, R.N., director of Inservice Education, announces the first program will take place on Wednesday, January 13th. The second program has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. This second program will cover Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and will be presented by Mrs. Kathy Truehart of the Holyoke Visiting Nurses Association.

One and one-half contact hours will be awarded for each program attended. Mrs. Urbanowicz reminds nurses that January 1st is the beginning time for the ten contact hours required for R.N.'s for 1984 registration and five contact hours for L.P.N.'s for 1983 registration.

A $2 fee will be charged for each program and those attending are requested to register during the 6:30 to 6:50 sign-in time each night.

For more information, call the Noble Inservice Education Department.

Suffield Players Plan Production of 'Menagerie'

Auditions for the Suffield Players' spring production of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* will take place on January 27th and 28th beginning at 8 p.m. at Suffield High School.

The Glass Menagerie calls for four characters: one woman to play the mother, a younger woman to play her daughter, and two men to play her son and the gentleman caller, respectively.

The spring production of this play will take place on three or four successive weekends beginning April 23. Rehearsals are set to begin at the end of January.

The Suffield Players are also looking for individuals to work in the production in any area from set building to publicity. The group may be contacted at Box 101, Suffield, CT.

Grange To Meet

Community Grange will meet at the Grange Hall on North West Street on Tuesday, January 19th, at 7:30 p.m. Grange members from Westfield and East Longmeadow will be guests for the evening.

The regular business meeting will be followed by a conservation program under the direction of Clarence Holloway and Mrs. Zoafia Demko.

A social hour will follow with Lillian McDonald as chairperson assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruckstuhl.

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TAX TIPS

by John Walsh
Agawam CPA

Selecting The Right Tax Form

Each year, the government mails out millions of tax forms, based on the form and types of income and deductions the taxpayer had in the prior year. You should not assume that the government has sent you the best form for filing your income taxes.

The first thing you should do is to compare your income and deductions to that which you had for 1980. If there has been a change in your situation, then you may have received the wrong form. Many people file the short form (1040A) as a matter of convenience. If you file the short form, you cannot itemize your deductions, nor can you take advantage of the many credits available such as the energy credit.

To use the short form, your taxable income should be under $50,000. Your sources of income must come from wages, dividend and interest income and unemployment compensation. The only credits that you can use on the short form are for contributions to candidates for public office and the earned income credit.

You cannot use the short form if any of the following apply:

Your taxable income is over $50,000.

You received a capital gain distribution.

You received or paid accrued interest on securities that were transferred between interest dates.

You received income from bartering, self-employment, gain from sale of property.

You received income from a pension, annuity, or alimony.

You itemize your deductions.

You file estimated tax payments.

You income average.

You file form 4868, application for automatic extension of time to file your U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

You owe social security taxes on tips not reported to your employer.

You have adjustments to income such as moving expenses, employee business expenses, payments to an individual retirement account, interest penalty on early withdrawal from savings, or alimony payments.

The above listing is not all inclusive, but covers the more common items that will require you to file the long form (1040). The instruction booklet for the short form will supply greater detail.

Center Offers Winter Wilderness Group

The Agawam Counseling and Youth Services Center will be offering a winter wilderness group for youth between the ages of 12 and 18.

Members of the Senior Wilderness Group will explore a variety of winter activities and survival skills. Group members will participate with staff in planning activities and gathering information on skills such as emergency first aid procedures under winter conditions and building winter shelters such as snow caves and igloos. Participants in the 10-week program will learn the essentials of trip planning, including proper selection of food, clothing, equipment and location.

Youth interested in joining the group should contact Nancy Hellen or Geoffrey Taylor at 786-1280 before January 19th.

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A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
Funeral Chapel

Hospice: What Is It?

Hospice is a relatively new word in American health care. The word itself is a very old one, dating back to the Middle Ages. In those days, hospice was a word used to describe a building in which the dying were given special care. Now "hospice" represents a particular kind of care that can be provided in 1) home 2) hospital, or 3) special in-patient setting se[illegible] from any other medical facility.

Today, there are well over 200 hospice programs in operation in the United States alone. And it appears that most urban areas and many rural areas will have some sort of hospice coverage within the next few years.

Most hospice programs provide care for their patients in a variety of ways. The majority of hospice programs in the United States today have developed along the lines of a home health agency. Some hospitals have developed in-patient hospice units of their own in an existing building. A few hospice programs have developed their own in-patient facility.

All hospice programs emphasize care in the home. Such care is directed at relief of symptoms rather than at cure of disease; therefore, most patients in hospice care have a limited life expectancy, usually less than six months.

Most hospice programs have focused on patients with advanced cancer, although principles of hospice care can be applied to patients with a variety of illnesses. The Health Care Financing Administration has recently contracted with 26 hospice programs across the United States to study the delivery of hospice care to Medicare beneficiaries.

Several states have developed special laws to define and describe the delivery of hospice services. Major health insurance companies and many major industries are studying hospice to find if the "hospice benefit" should be made available to their insured and their employees and dependents.

A National Hospice Organization has been established to help develop standards for hospice care and criteria for accreditation for hospice programs.

There are three different types of hospice facilities that are available today. They are as follows:

1) Free-standing Hospice: a separate facility with all beds and staff assigned to providing care to the dying patients. The facility is an independent economic entity governed by its own administrative staff and board.

2) Extended Care Facility Or Nursing Home: a nursing home or extended care facility program which has converted beds or established a separate unit for the provision of hospice care. Staff is trained in the provision of hospice care. The facility is governed by its own board and administrative staff.

3) Home Care (Hospice Without Walls): a program which provides and coordinates hospice services in the home but does not own or operate an in-patient facility. The program is administratively and economically autonomous. Hospice team members are available for services in the home 24 hours a day.

4) Hospital-affiliated, Free-standing Hospice: a separate facility with all beds and staff assigned to providing care to the dying patients. The facility is located adjacent to the hospital or in the community, but is owned by the hospital.

5) Hospital-based Hospice: a) Acute care hospital with a hospice unit. Separate unit within a general hospital with the staff and beds designated for the provision of care for the dying. b) Acute care hospital hospice "consultant" program: specially designed hospice team or existing staff of social workers, psychologists, and others provide services to hospice patients dispersed throughout the general hospital. c) Hospital-based home care program: the hospice team may be separate from the home care staff or may be members of the hospital home care staff with special training in hospice care techniques.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Adams

Mildred (Masucci) Jordan Adams, 67, of 107 Belmont Avenue died January 5th at home.

A lifelong resident of Agawam and widow of Robert Adams, she was a graduate of the High School of Commerce and the former Bennett School of Business. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and a member of the South End Senior Center.

She leaves a son, William Jordan, of Michigan; two brothers, Joseph and Frank Masucci, both of Agawam; and two grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services and burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Norman Avondo Sr.

Norman Avondo Sr., 56, of 9 King Avenue died January 9th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Born in West Springfield, he lived in Agawam 21 years and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. He was a 30-year tester at Hamilton Standard, a Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks.

He leaves his wife, Barbara (Henderson; two sons, Norman Jr. of Chicopee and Garry of Agawam; two nephews, Kenneth and David, both of Agawam; a brother Robert of Monson; and three sisters, Mildred Fleming and Marion Gray, both of Westfield, and Rita Szatkowski of Chicopee.

Curran Jones Funeral Home, Agawam, was in charge of services with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Frederick S. Depka

Frederick S. Depka, 47, of 125 School Street, died January 9th in Western Mass. Hospital, Westfield.

A dairy manager for Finast food stores, he was born in Enfield and lived in Agawam for many years. An Army veteran, he was also a member of the Revolver Club.

He leaves his wife, Shirley (Taylor); a son, Frederick Jr.; two daughters, Cheryl Bigelow of Springfield and Frances at home; three brothers, Joseph of Rockville, CT, Peter of Winsted, CT, and Leo of Florida; three sisters, Helen Milkowski of Winsted, Stella Blotniski of Rockville, and Gladys Kolakowski of Florida; a one granddaughter.

Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Ruth G. Litchfield

Ruth G. (Frost) Litchfield, 61, of 54 Mountainview Street died January 5th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Born in Northampton, she lived in Agawam for 30 years and was a member of the e&ecutive council and women's club at St. David's Episcopal Church. She also belonged to St. Ann's Country Club and many local golf and bowling leagues.

She leaves her husband, Herbert; two sons, John and Paul; a daughter Susan Gosselin, all of Agawam; two brothers, Harry and Roy Frost; and a sister, Dorothy Whittaker, all of Northampton; and three grandsons.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Joseph Longhi

Joseph N. Longhi, 63, of 90 Pheasant Hill Drive died December 29th at home.

A retired welder at Chapman Valve Company, he was a lifelong resident of Agawam, a veteran of the Army in World War II and a member of the American Legion Post 185 and the Agawam VFW Post 1632.

The widower of Mary (Rieson), he leaves a daughter, Audrey Weeks, of Virginia; his mother, Anna of Agawam; three brothers, Alfred and Carmino Jr., both of Feeding Hills, and Frank of Springfield; two sisters, Josephine Attardi and Rosemary Fuller, both of town.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in Floyd, Virginia.

Esther Marazzi

Esther (Barbatelli) Marazzi, 90, of 74 Federal Street Extension died January 6th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Born in Italy, she lived for a time in Springfield and in Agawam 24 years. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

The widow of Parmeno Marazzi, she leaves a son, Joseph of East Longmeadow; three daughters, Sally Selva of Indian Orchard, Louise Fay of Millis and Ann Mendard of Agawam; two sisters, Madeline Moretti of Agawam and Augusta Antnozzi of Italy; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Vincenzo Mercadante

Vincenzo "Jim" Mercadante, 73, of 44 Pleasant Hill died December 28th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit.

Born in Boston, he lived in Agawam most of his life and was a retired 13-year dispatcher for Sears, Roebuck and Company. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart [illegible]urch and former member of the Pastimes basel[illegible]ll team.

He leaves hi[illegible] wife, Philomena (Menna); two sons, James and Roland; and two daughters, Eleanor Fisher and Alberta Gutowski, all of Agawam; a sister, Elizabeth Gracia of Southwick; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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EDITORIAL

From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep.
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1982 Legislative Year Opens With Challenges

Five days after we all toasted in the New Year, it was still 1981 on Beacon Hill as legislators debated and the clock wound down on the 1981 legislative session.

As of one minute past midnight on Wednesday, January 6th, the 1982 session began. But on Monday and Tuesday of last week, we were still working on a number of fiscal issues that had been pending for some time.

Of vital interest to many was the so-called Tregor Bill which has undergone more metamorphoses than a horde of gypsy moths. First, the mayor of Boston submitted his proposal for a $75 million bond issue to pay for court-ordered property tax abatements.

Missing from Mayor Kevin White's proposal were a number of items considered vital by state representatives from Boston, specifically provisions calling for improved management and mandating the rehiring of all laid-off police and firemen.

Mayor White made it quite clear that this would not be acceptable because of the amendments to Tregor which is a Home Rule provision. (The home rule provision in the Constitution protects a city or town from legislative interference in matters specific to the given community).

In this case, the so-called Tregor Bill submitted by the City of Boston was amended. The question of constitutionality was raised because the Legislature may not substantially amend a home rule bill. Early on Tuesday evening, Governor King vetoed the Boston delegation's version of the Tregor Bill which had been passed by the House and Senate in December. The Governor called the bill "patently unconstitutional."

Still, a third proposal was ushered in for consideration. This one was filed by Senate President William Bolger at 10 minutes before midnight the last day of the last day of the first half of the 1981-82 session. This too was defeated by the House.

Needless to say, one can anticipate that among the first things to be considered during the half of the session will be another "Boston bail-out" bill.

Rheault Named T.C. President

We wish to congratulate veteran Precinct 3 councilor Donald Rheault on his recent election as president of Town Council.

In a close vote, Rheault, a more than capable councilor, defeated 3-term at-large councilor Stephen R. Cincotta, himself a more than capable representative to the residents of the community.

We also wish to congratulate Cincotta on the manner in which he conducted himself during the meeting. Losing the chairmanship was a difficult pill to swallow, but, as usual, the personable councilor took the vote in stride and pledged cooperation with the Rheault-Roberts council leadership.

It will take a load of cooperation from all members of the council in the upcoming year.

The budget in a time of Proposition 2 1/2 needs careful and concise planning.

Stabilizing the town's tax base through planned development is another area where the council can no longer dismiss its responsibility.

And finally, the council needs to bring political order back to town politics.

Both Rheault and Roberts have the ability to face the issues straight-on.

We wish them both well in the next two years. Agawam needs a booster shot of leadership.

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 21, 1982, at 7:00 P.M., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear the Zone Change request of Frank J. Solitario to rezone land from Agriculture and Residence A-2 to Residence A-3, land situated at the southeast corner at the intersection of South and Suffield Streets known as Hubbard Corner.

PARCEL NO. 1

Beginning at a point set in the south side of South Street, distance of 400 ft. Easterly from Suffield Street and running thence S 79° 18' 10" E. along the south side of South Street a distance of 1323.87 feet to land of Rocco and Christina Stellato; thence turning and running along last named land S. 2° 32' 38" W. a distance of 1874.34' to land of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company; thence turning and running along last named land the following courses N 62° 38' 21" W. a distance of 440.31 feet, N. 76° 51.0" W. 69.52 feet, S. 8° 46' 29" W. a distance of 544.88 ft. and S 74° 59' 59" W a distance of 180.50 feet to the East side of a 300' wide Western Mass. Electric Company Right of Way, thence turning and running along said east side of Western Mass. Electric Company Right of Way N 18° 19' 21" W a distance of 1638.69 feet to an angle point, thence N 54° 00' 21" W a distance of 507.76 feet to other land of Gasland, Inc., thence turning and running S 79° 18' 10"E along last named land 252.95 feet, thence continuing N 14° 20' 14" E a distance of 700 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 55.70 acres of land.

PARCEL NO. 2

Beginning at a point set in the easterly side of Suffield Street at land of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company and running thence: S 77° 40' 31" E along last named land 640.24' to a point; thence continuing along last named land the following courses: S 77° 52' 31" E a distance of 687.21 feet; N 74° 59' 59" E a distance of 46.76' to the westerly side of a 300 foot wide Western Mass. Electric Co. Right of Way thence turning and running along said westerly side of Right of Way N 18° 19' 21" W a distance of 1524.71 feet to an angle point in said Right of Way, thence N 54° 00' 21" W a distance of 463.00 feet to a point set in the easterly side of Suffield Street, thence running along said Easterly side of Suffield Street, thence running along said easterly side of Suffield Street S. 18° 40' 12" W. a distance of 1210.30 feet to an angle point, thence continuing S 18° 24' 29" W a distance of 320.34' to the place of beginning. Containing 28.18 acres of land.

The following parcel is excluded from Parcel No. 1 and/or Parcel No. 2:

All land within the above described parcels on and to northerly of a certain brook, which brook crosses from Suffield Street approximately Fifty (50) feet from the intersection of Suffield Street and South Street and runs in a generally easterly direction to land now or formerly of Rocco and Christina Stellato and theh approximate easterly edge of the total premises encompassing parcels 1 and 2 above described, and approximately 1400 feet more or less from the southerly edge of said South Street, and which excluded area contains approximately 19 acres of land.

And further, excluding any and all of the premises (if not already excluded by the description of Parcel No. 1 and Parcel No. 2 exclusion above) the 6.61 acres of land zoned business A and located at the southeast corner of the intersection of said Suffield Street and said South Street.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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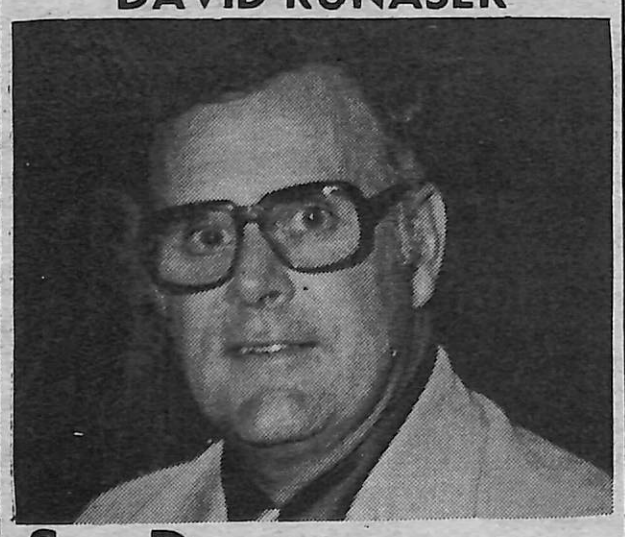

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Wed., Jan 20: Baked hamburg & macaroni, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, cherry gelatin, milk
Thurs., Jan. 21: Hamburg w/gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, wheat bread & butter, fruit cup, milk
Fri., Jan. 22: Turkey soup, sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce, buttered peas & carrots, gingerbread w/whip topping, milk

Winter Fun At Library's Pre-School Story Hour

The Agawam Public Library will present a special story hour on winter fun for pre-schoolers ages 3½ to 5. This program will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27th; Friday, January 29th; and also on Saturday, January 30th, for those unable to attend the weekday sessions.

Pre-registration is required and may be arranged by telephone at 789-1550 or in person at the library. Please specify when registering if you would prefer the Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday morning session.

Special stories, games, music, and activities about winter fun are planned. Coffee will be available for parents.

CORRECTION

Last week's issue contained an article released from Holyoke Community College which incorrectly identified the winning author of an award-winning sports article named at their recent journalism conference.

The correct author of the article entitled "Five Juniors Bolster '82 Outlook" which won the Best Sports Story award was Stephen Berard, the editor of the Agawam High School *Mirror* in 1980-81.

Agawam's Past Captured On Video

Agawam's rural past - a time of green farmlands bursting with produce, country schools, and rustic pleasures - will be permanently recaptured by fourth and fifth grade students at Granger School during January and February.

These Granger students will learn firsthand about Agawam's history by interviewing farmers and other residents who have lived here for decades. At the same time, the students will videotape the interviews, so they will have a permanent record of their exploration of Agawam's past.

The Granger oral history/video activity is part of the artist-in-residence program, funded by the Artists Foundation and the Wide Horizons Project in the Agawam elementary schools this year.

Robert Leppzer, an award-winning video artist and producer of "Rural Lives," a New England oral history program on National Public Radio, will oversee the Granger students' work.

For three weeks, Leppzer will train a group of fourth- and fifth-graders in using video equipment and in interviewing techniques. The students then will each interview an Agawam resident while other students tape the conversation.

Leppzer would like each student "to focus on how people's lives have changed from a rural to an urban lifestyle." He says, "I want the students to ask questions about topics which interest them most - what school was like back then? what did kids do for fun? etc."

After the interviews, Leppzer and the students will edit the conversations into a video program on Agawam's past. This program will be shown in the school and will be available for broadcast to the Agawam community.

Granger School Princial James Loomis is proud of his students' involvement in the oral history/video program. "Kids don't know a lot about life in this town ten years ago," he says, "but with this program, our students will know Agawam's past firsthand."

Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Dept. Chairman

In the months ahead, some 40,000 college bound high school seniors - children of widows, widowers, retirees and disabled persons - will discover that they have lost as much as $10,000 in aid toward college.

The Congressional decision to phase out the 16-year-old Social Security benefits program, which provided $2-4 billion in aid last year to 904,000 students, means that unless these seniors somehow manage to enroll in a post-secondary institution before May 1, 1982, they will not be entitled to the financial aid benefits which last year averaged $2700 annually for each individual covered.

Most of the students will not be graduated from high school when the May 1st deadline rolls around. Even if they managed to qualify for the program, the benefits they would receive through their college years would be reduced by more than half from the present level.

Most other federal student financial aid programs have already been cut back by as much as 60% this year. Last week it was reported that the Reagan administration plans to eliminate some of those programs - most notably Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and National Direct Student Loans - completely by the end of the next fiscal year.

The Reagan adminsitration has said that people affected by cuts in the Social Security program will be covered by other financial aid programs. But those programs are already servicing a very large number of students. Canceling the Social Security program will only serve to enlarge the pool of students eligible for the other programs, which are being reduced as well.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Western Mass. Boston University Alumni; G.T.E. Sylvania Tech; Naurison, which is open to seniors of Hampden County who plan to attend college next year and is awarded on the basis of need, scholarship, and extra-curricular activities.

There are two Elks scholarships available: the John F. Malley Scholarship Contest is offered to a graduating senior from a Mass. secondary school and is awarded on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The applicant does not have to be a relative of an Elk; and the Most Valuable Student Contest, which is based on scholarship, leadership and need.

The May Gaynor Memorial Scholarship is open to seniors from all public schools in Massachusetts, and applicants are judged o$ adademic performance, extra-curricular activities, and financial need.

Financial Aid Forms (FAF's) are available in the Guidance Office.

Seniors are asked to notify the Guidance Office when they receive college acceptances. Those who have been accepted most recently include, the following: David Jenks, WNEC; Arthur Chase, AIC; Sue Spagnoli, Our Lady of the Elms; Sandy Brittain, Worcester State; Charles Hastings, Georgia Institute of Technology; Paul Coddington, WNEC; Lori Costa, North Adams State; Frank Cardaropoli and Alphonse Ferrentino, AIC; Chris Chmura, North Adams State.

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Public Education Observances Set

Teachers across Massachusetts are planning a variety of activities to make the public aware that January 17th is "National Day of Conscience for Public Education." According to Carol Doherty, president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, teachers will be asking everyone to make renewed effort to support and improve our system of public education.

Teachers are especially concerned with the funding crisis facing public education and wish to solidify the longstanding American commitment to a free, quality public education.

Locally, members of the Agawam Education Association are recalling the words author H.G. Wells once stated: "Civilization is a race between education and catastrophe." AEA President Andrew Bower said these words never seemed more clear and to the point and that, given a choice between these two paths, there really is no choice.

Local Students Awarded Music Recognition

Fifty-five Agawam pupils have received special awards for excellence in the elementary beginner band program.

Based on a three-month achievement period, all 130 students who participate in the program competed in three categories: high practice average (30 minutes per day, plus); a written test; and a performance test.

School principals and Mrs. Sally Lowell, elementary band director, presented pins to the following musicians:

Granger School

Terri Cimaroli, Gina Blanchard, Elizabeth Korza, Kristin Phillips, Todd Greene, Michael Bottasso, Michael Tassinari, Arthur Hastings, Chad Alechny and Derek Innarelli.

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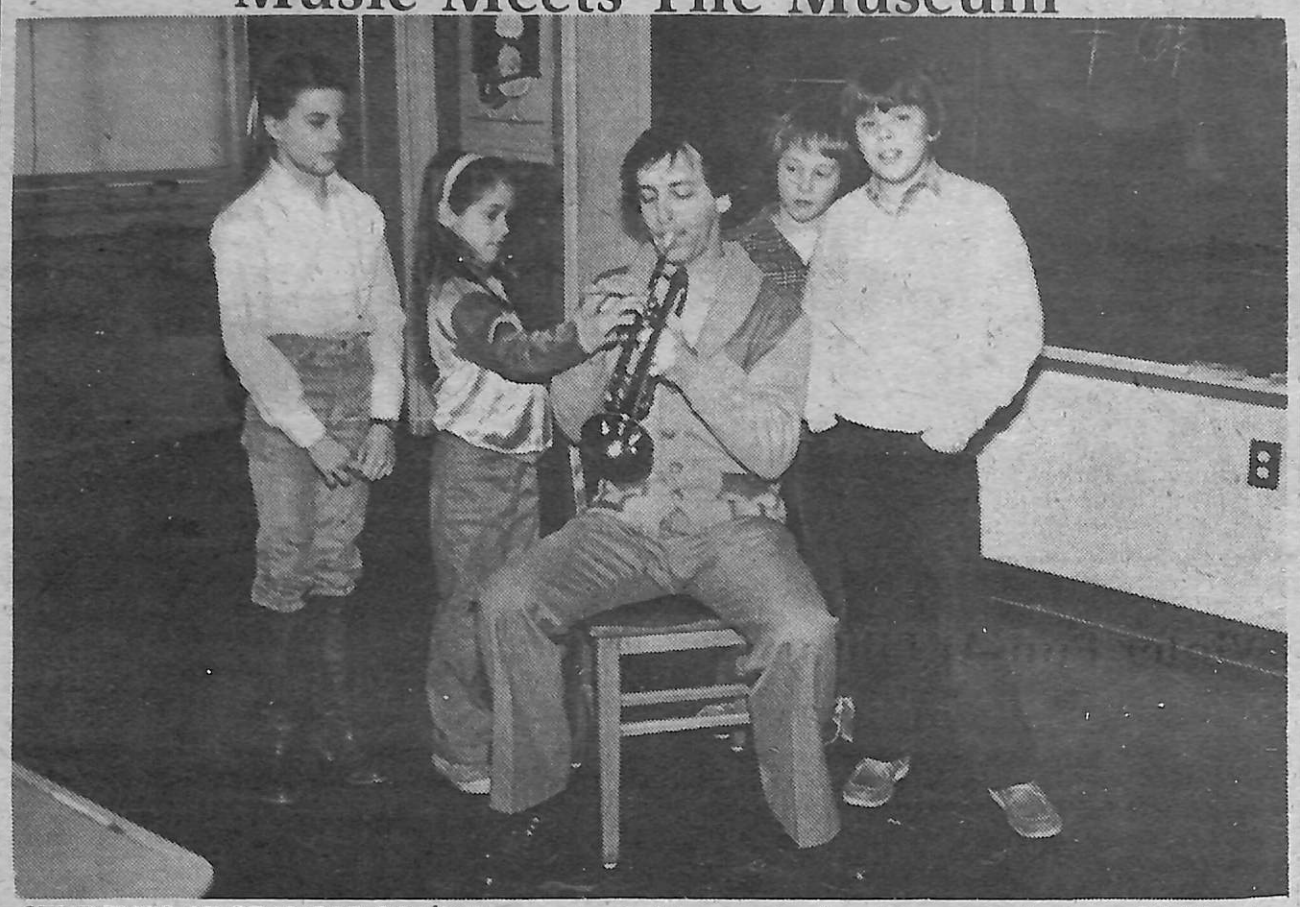
Clark School

Tricia Rea, Sarah Mihalsla, Christien Fillion, Cristen Auger, Jeffrey Eagan, Melissa Ellithorpe, Kimberly Hodges, Beth McEwan, Kimberly Walsh, Jeremy Doran, Mark Paskowsky, and Lynne Lapore.

Peirce School

Hollie Nadding, Susan Arnold, Susan Joseph, Maria Kubik, Amber Cipriani, Jason Rosensteel and Melissa Guertin.

Music Meets The Museum



STUDENTS AT GRANGER SCHOOL were treated to a professional trumpet playing exhibition by Steve Schiller of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra who met with them in conjuction with Wide Horizons' "Music Meets The Museum" unit under the direction of music specialist Sylvia Starkie. Pictured with Schiller are, left to right, Karen Runshaw, Aimie Davignon, Randall Almquist, and John Benjamin. Photo by Jack Devine.

School Committee Accepts Goals & Objectives Outlined By Bruno

By Joanne Brown

School Committee members unanimously adopted eleven specific goals and objectives outlined by Superintendent of Schools James Bruno, Jr. at their meeting last Tuesday.

Among the particular items slated for evaluation and updating is emphasis on minimum basic skills with a required addition of testing for listening skills mandated by the state by January, 1983. Agawam already has programs in progress for testing, and remediating when necessary, skills in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Adopting a promotion policy which will be consistent at all grade levels will be targeted for implementation by June of this year along with updating several other policies of the board.

Emphasis on teacher effectiveness insofar as their success in motivating students to learn has been slated, and, in a related area, the board will also make a determined effort to attract effective substitute teachers to the Agawam system.

In improving relations between the School Department and the community at large, the board will encourage each school to make public the positive events taking place within it. In addition to that type of involvement of the public, they will also reactivate the group charged with enrollment study and seek community input in this area. Community input will also be sought in the basic skills area as well.

Programs slated for evaluation and possible expansion include that of computer science at all three secondary levels, that of the cultural arts, and that of the gifted and talented, which began only last October.

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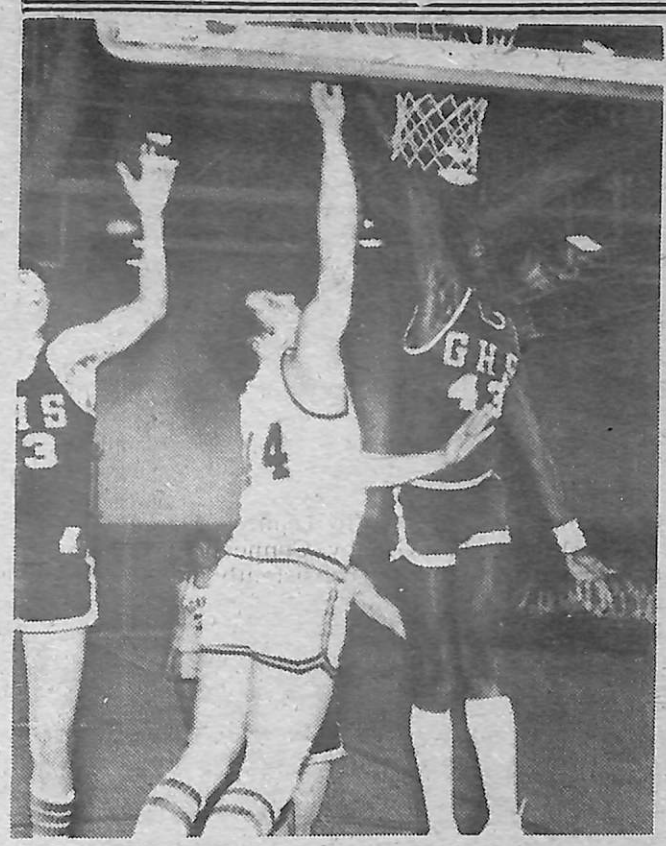

JUST RETURNING TO THE LINEUP after a foot injury, senior Kevin Barnes (44) fights for a rebound during third quarter action against Greenfield last Friday night. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Hoopsters Blast EL, Bow To Greenfield In Three Overtimes

By Chris Hout

The Agawam Brownies, sparked by a game high 13 points from center Clark Dore and 10 from senior guard Timmy Ayre, mauled the hapless East Longmeadow Spartans 57-27 in boys high school basketball action Tuesday night at Agawam High.

The victory over East Longmeadow was preceeded by a thrilling triple overtime loss to league leading Greenfield last Friday by a 71-70 count.

In that one Nadim Yacteen, who had 23 points, hit a 25-foot jumper in the second overtime to send the game into the third overtime session.

He also sank two clutch free throws in the first overtime and added a bucket with eight seconds remaining in regulation play to bring the Brownies within 62-60.

Ayre hit on a driving layup with two seconds remaining in the fourth period to send the contest into the candlelight hours. Ayre commited an offensive foul on the play and was awarded the hoop.

A nervous Greenfield shooter, on a 1-1 situation from the charity line, missed his opportunity to end it then and there.

The locals, who were up by three in the third quarter and down by as many as 12 in the fourth period, were finally put away in the third overtime by virtue of a Howard Forbes free throw.

Agawam's Scott Negrucci just missed winning the barnburner for the Brownies as his long range jumper at the buzzer went in and out, culminating the exhausting action packed evening played before a delirious home gathering at the high school.

"This was the most exciting game I have ever been involved in," said an emotionally drained Agawam coach, Lou Conte.

"The kids played their hearts out. They really worked hard tonight."

The game was highlighted by the return of All-League forward Kevin Barnes. Barnes missed Agawam's first five games with a broken foot and exploded against Greenfield for 19 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals.

"Kevin really adds strength to our frontcourt," praised Conte of the 6-2 ironman. "We were tough without him (4-1) but we'll be even tougher with him in the lineup."

Yacteen led Agawam with 23 points, Barnes had 19, Ayre chipped in with 11 as did senior Scott Josephson and junior foward Boo Smith. Senior guard Scott Negrucci had 6 points.

Agawam's record now stands at 5-3 overall and 5-2 in the B Division and are have new hope as Greenfield was beaten by Amherst Tuesday night.

Wrestlers Humbled By Hungry Tigers

By Chris Hout

The Agawam Brownies ran into a hungry Tech Tiger wrestling squad last Thursday, bowing 45-13 at Tech High School.

Tech, always a big threat in schoolboy wrestling, won all but three matches in posting their fourth victory of the season. Agawam's record dropped to 3-2 following the defeat.

"I knew Tech was going to be tough but I thought it would be much closer than it turned out," said Agawam coach Phil Tomkiel. "The key to the whole meet was the early weight classes. If we could have come out of there with a couple of wins it could have changed an awful lot. But we lost three out of four."

The few bright spots for Agawam on this dismal day were peformances from Tony Bryant (128), Tom Mendes (140), Keith Mercadante (157) and Steve Grassetti (heavyweight).

Bryant tied Tech's Major Cost in an exciting match at the 128 pound class. Mendes improved his record to a perfect 5-0 with a 13-1 thrashing of Tech's Al Williams in the 140 class.

In the feature match of the day, Tech's William "Bunny" Lowe defeated Agawam's Keith Mercadante by virtue of default, 6-0. Mercadante, leading 3-2, injured his shoulder during the match and Tomkiel stopped it immediately. The injury was later diagnosed as a pulled shoulder muscle.

"I wasn't taking any chances with Keith's shoulder," explained Tomkiel. "Merc" is too valuable to the entire team and I wasn't going to risk losing him for the season on one match."

In the heavyweight class, Agawam's Grassetti pinned Tech's Tom Barber to finish out the meet.

"Seeing where we stand now, I would be more than pleased with an 11-4 record," said Tomkiel. "I'm really happy with the performances of my sophomores and juniors so far this season. I knew I could count on my seniors to do the job but I wasn't sure about the younger guys. We will be very strong over the next few years with the guys I have coming back," he said.

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Sapelli's Boys' Finally Defeat Classical, 5-2

By Chris Hout

The "power play" has been an endangered species in the Agawam arsenal early in the 1981-82 season. Not so Tuesday night.

Agawam capitalized on three power play opportunities en route to a 5-2 victory over defending Berry Division champion Classical at the Eastern States Coliseum, their first victory over the Bulldogs in four years.

Bob Eggleston, Chet Sulborski and Danny DeCosmo all lit the lamp on the power play for the locals. Steve Kovolsky and Paul Wood also tallied for the Brownies.

Agawam, 3-4, has evened its season's series with the Bulldogs as Classical nipped the Brownies 5-4 earlier in the season.

Classical took a brief one goal lead at 2:14 of the first period when forward Bob Martian walked in on Agawam goalie Kevin Kamyk and drilled the puck into the cage.

Agawam, after missing several scoring chances, tied the game at 6:59. Paul Wood drilled a slapper from the point through a screen and the disc eluded Classical's Billy Burtch. Chet Sulborksi and Paul Ferraro assisted on the tally.

Prior to the Wood goal, the Brownies buzzed the Classical zone, doing everything but put the puck into the net.

Dave Bell, Kovalsky and Eggleston all hit the post for the locals. Burtch also rejected Bell and DeCosmo will "believe it or not" saves in the period. Agawam outshot Classical, 11-10 in the period.

Agawam controlled the opening minutes of the second session in convincing fashion. At 6:38 of the period and with a Classical player in the penalty box, the locals cashed in on their first power play opportunity.

Sulborski tapped in a Todd Ruby rebound from the slot and the Brownies were on their way.

Bob Eggleston's wrist shot beat Burtch on the short side, top corner as the Brownies extended their lead to 3-1. They carried the two goal edge into the final period.

Danny DeCosmo pushed Agawam into a three goal bulge at 9:09 of the third period, converting a Kovalsky pass into an insurance goal.

Classical countered with a Dino Calcasola tally at the 10:51 mark, bringing the Bulldogs within 4-2.

Kamyk made several key stops during a brief Classical surge, including point blank saves from Bill Fabrocini and Lonny Dakin. Kovalsky then put Classical out of their misery with 1:04 remaining as he rifled a slapper from just inside the blue line, forcing Burtch to make a kick-save. The rebound hit Kovalsky waiting stick and bang, Agawam had a solid 5-2 victory.

Varsity Swimmers Off To Best Start Ever (3-1)

Agawam varsity swimmers split with Amherst and Ludlow in a week of "you win some, you lose some, and occasionally, you get snowed out." The flippers continues its season with a fine 3-1 record, their best start ever. After a disappointing 107-64 loss to a strong Amherst Regional contingent, the locals came splashing home on Friday, January 8 with a fantastic 86-56 drubbing of Ludlow high.

In the Amherst meet, coach Dave Smith believes that a combination of factors led to the team's demise; two out of eleven days over Christmas vacation and Amherst's depth, especially in the girls, were too much for Agawam.

Agawam was able to capture 4 out of 11 first place positions. Sophomore sensation Paul Talbot took the 200 individual medley (2:15.73) and the 100 butterfly (59.14), each a new school record. Paul is now undefeated in six individual starts. Another first place, by senior co-captain Tammy Lucia in the 50-yard freestyle (29.55) helped the Agawam cause.

"Our swimmers gave their best which they have been doing since the beginning of the season," said Smith. The medley relay team of Tammy Lucia, Fred Depka, John Favreau and Paul Talbot swam their best time this year in recording a time of 2.06 and took a first place.

Looking forward to the Ludlow meet on January 8, the local swimmers were eager to get out of the starting blocks and get a second victory under their belts. The locals promptly took 5 of 11 first place finishes but demolished Ludlow in the second and third slots. Individual winners were Fred Depka (diving) and Andy Vezis in the 500 free (6.55.16). Paul Talbot took a first in the 200 free (2.30.64).

One of the most exciting races of the afternoon was the 500 freestyle with sophomore Andy Vezis finished first (6.55.16) and senior Steve Flood, back from an ankle injury, taking third place with a time of 7:00.1.

It became apparent that the meet would swing to Agawam's favor and the excitement was running high following the 500 freestyle. Smith then decided to give the girls 400 yard freestyle relay team a shot at the school record of 4.24 and they just fell 3 seconds short.

The swimmers have shown a strong effort this season and the local program seems to be on the upbeat after many years of trying to improve. Upcoming home dates for the squad at the Junior High pool are on January 19th against Turners Falls and January 26 against Tech.

Tradition has it that the seventh inning stretch in baseball was started by President William Howard Taft, at a Washington ball game early in this century.

Riverside To Offer NASCAR Event

The stage is set for the 34th season of auto racing at Riverside Park Speedway, Agawam, for NEPRA's first promotion on April 10th. The event will be the first for Riverside as a NASCAR-sanctioned open competition event. Several months of preparation will lead up to the first program for the pro stocks and street stocks.

An impressive field of the Northeast's leading modified drivers will be expected in hopes of preparing for the 1982 NEPRA Winston Racing Series Crown. Qualifying action will begin with heat races followed by a 100-lap feature paying $1,400 to win.

Stan Gregor of New Britain, Connecticut, last year's modified champion, will be ready for the opener. Gregor has one of the most impressive records and has consistently finished up front over the last three racing seasons.

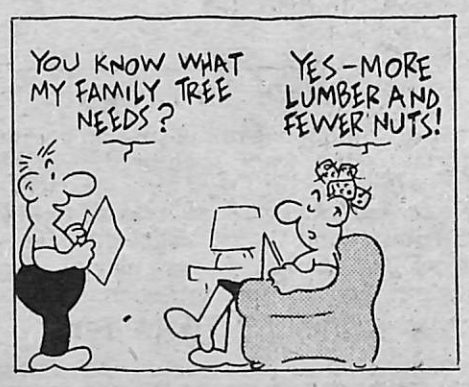
Reggie Ruggiero of Forestville, Connecticut, the 1979 Riverside champion, will also be back and stronger than ever. He will be driving a new Evan's built modified sponsored by Danny's Market.

Ray Miller of East Granby, Connecticut, is the man to watch after he finished consistently in the top three in points since 1979. Many of the fans and competitors feel that 1982 is Miller's year with the Marek Engineering Pinto.

One of the all-time Riverside Park favorites, Bob Polverari, is expected to return after being a three-time champion with the Van Dean Manor Special.

The Rapid Roman is also expected as Evans has won over ten events in the last two years. Joining him will be Jerry Cook, Marty Radewick, S.J. Evonson, Gary Barnes, Don DeRocher, Bruce Dellesandro, and Charlie Glazer.

For season ticket information, call or write NEPRA, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001. (413) 786-9300.



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Friday, January 22 vs Holyoke (A)

VARSITY HOCKEY
Friday, January 15 vs Cathedral (7:00)
Monday, January 18 vs Holyoke (7:00)

WRESTLING
Saturday, January 16 vs West Side (A)
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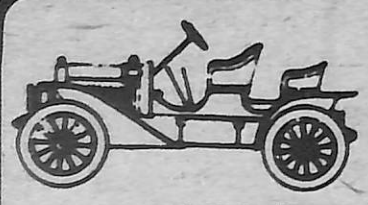

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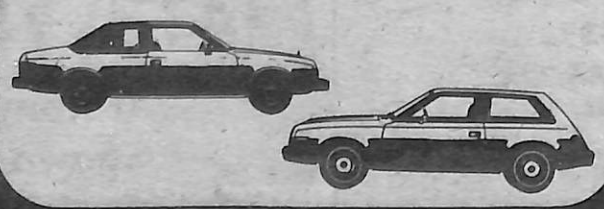


AAA Basketball Standings

Girls 8-10 League

Graphic Printing 1-0
Elks 2174 1-0
Chic Locks 0-1
Lions Club 0-1

Girls 11-14 League

E-Con-O Sales 1-0
Gino's Package Store 1-0
Polish Club 1-0
J.W. Wimpy's 0-1
Corner Package Store 0-1
W.S. Fish & Game 0-1

Boys 8-10 League

St. Theresa's 1-0
Pelley Construction 1-0
Elks 2174 1-0
Chriscola Farms 1-0
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts 1-0
St. Anthony's 0-1
Christy's Plumbing 0-1
Curran Jones 0-1
Lunden Construction 0-1
Suburban Realty 0-1

Boys 10-12 League
American Division

Agawam Police Assn. 1-0
Agawam Advertiser/News 1-0
Westfield Savings Bank 0-1
Westbank 0-1

National Division

McCarthy Tile 1-0
Agawam Lions Club 1-0
Grimaldi & Burzdak 0-1
Butcher's Corner 0-1

Boys 13-15 League

Agawam Police Assn. 1-0
Village Lounge 1-0
Village Package Store 1-0
Assoc. Air Freight 0-1
DePalma's 0-1
Polish Club 0-1

Girls 8-10 League

Graphic Printing began the year on a winning note by defeating the team sponsored by Chic Locks. Leading scorers for the Printers were Laurie DeSimone and Tracey Trudell. Coach Colleen Dalton called Jennifer and Cathy Scaggs the defensive standouts of the game. Locks players Nolan and Blackburn were tops for their team.

Girls 11-14 League

In the first game of the season, Gino's Package Store defeated the Fish and Game team behind the scoring of Amy Vacirca, who topped her team in points. Also scoring well were Lisa Connor, Kara Tebaldi and Susan Fassnacht. Tonya Mercadante had a great defensive game.

Michelle Montesi led her team in their losing effort, and Cari Brown and Sandra Trombly played good defense.

Boys 8-10 League

Defending league champions, St. Theresa's, barely managed to edge by a strong effort from the St. Anthony's team by a one-point margin to chalk up their first victory of the year. High scorers and mainstays of the team were Ricky Brown and David Laudato who received some offensive help from returning veteran Tommy LaRochelle along with newcomer B.J. Massoia.

Turning in good offensive performance for St. Anthony's were Daren Brown and Jeff Jeannotte. John Welch and Joey Modzelewski provided good defense.

Boys 10-12 League

Leading McCarthy Tile to a win over Grimaldi & Burzdak were Mickey Lunden, Wayne Leal, Leo Santaniello, and Aaron Vanderhoof. Playing an outstanding game on defense were Nick Carra and Tony Buoniconti.

Coach Rich Mahoney, feeling confident of his team, stated, "We showed the poise of the championship team we are. A gutsy performance came from our front line against Mr. Domination, Paul Fetherston! We've got a long way to go, but ya gotta start somewhere."

Giving his all for the G & B team was Paul Fetherston, who kept his team in the running until the bitter end and accounted for the majority of the points totalled. Also adding to their team's effort were Dan Bryden, Bob Mesick, and Jim Laudato.

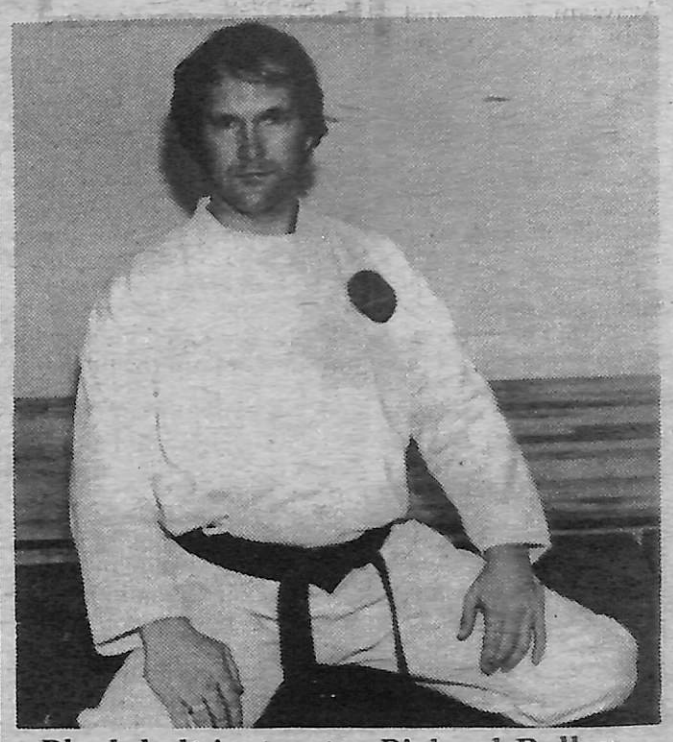
Boys 13-15 League

Village Lounge tallied a stunning upset over the previously undefeated Polish Club, shattering their 18-game winning streak. Turning in a commendable performance for the Lounge were Alan Mazza, Mike Mahoney, John Alves, and Bobby Wing. Coach Jim Mahoney maneuvered a strategic game, capitalizing on the club's weak spots.

Leading the charges for the Polish Club were Dave "Truck" Perillo and Don Lancour. Other offensive weapons were Brian Trombley, Mike Marmo, and Scott Magnuson. Playing admirably on defense was Bob DeSimone.

Coach Phil Vecchiarelli took the blame for the loss, commenting, "We lost a tough defensive struggle, and I blew it as a coach."

Black belt karate instructor Sari Newell



Black belt instructor Richard Pulley

Court House Offers Karate Instruction

Karate and self-defense comes to the Court House Health Fitness Facility on Wednesday, January 13th. Black belt instructors Richard Pulley and Sari Newell will conduct the sessions.

Both instructors study karate with eighth-degree black belt Ansei Veshiro, the head instructor in the United States for Shorin-Ryu style who teaches in New York City.

Pulley has been training for over seventeen years and holds ranks in several different styles. He has extensive experience in training police officers.

Ms. Newell has been training for eight years and holds a first degree black belt.

The self-defense program will run for eight weeks with plans to expand this program to begin traditional karate training as well as the self-defense class. Classes for women only may be offered as well.

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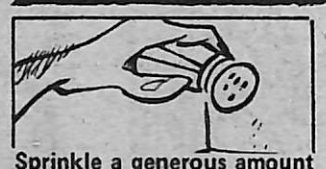

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Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

With the increase in the deer herd in Mass., it is more important that the family dog is not let to roam at will. The snow conditions are a real harzard to the deer. When the terrain is icy, the deer find it difficult to run or walk on. Dogs are having no problems with the conditions.

Roaming dogs may be good family pets with warm beds at night but if let loose, can easily travel on top of the crust as can walking deer. But let the two meet and the chase develops and the dog, answering ancient instincts, has all the odds and becomes a killer.

The deer, used to a fast get-away, plunges through the crust at every bound. Their legs must cut the frozen crust edge-on as the animals gains momentum. Below the tough hide, its legs tire easily from the merciless pounding. Pain and exhaustion eventually bring the deer to a halt to face his tormentor. The odds fort he dog are now even greater.

I **have seen it.** It is a gory sight. After mauling the deer, the dogs often do not bother to kill it, and they almost never eat it. Instead, they go looking for more quarry for another chase.

Even if the chase is abandoned, the deer may die from the added stress of hard running under adverse conditions. Often a small dog will kill a deer under winter stresses without ever making contact with the deer.

If you don't care whether or not your dog is shot by wardens or other law officers, or if you are unconcerned about the deer and preventing its horrible death, keep your friendly, **lovable** dog under control **at home.**

BOBCAT SEASON TO SOON OPEN

Vermont's 1982 bobcat season will start January 23 and continue through February 7. Bobcat pelts and carcasses must be presented to a game warden within 48 hours of the close of the season.

Each bobcat pelt will be tagged by the warden and the tag must remain attached until the pelt is made into commercial fur.

Biological information collected on Vermont's bobcat population shows it is prospering. The number of young bobcats in the population is increasing each year, sex ratios are normal, and most adult females are bearing young. The cats are in excellent physical condition.

Tri-Parish Bowling Opens New Year

Happy New Year. Here's our Tri-Parish Bowling League Up-date: Holy Cross, captained by EDDIE GALLERANI and his teammates ROSE MERCADANTE, FRED ALTY and MAYBETH COUGHLIN are on "Cloud Nine." And why not? They took four wins from Boston College, captained by BOBBY MOCCIO. They are now setting a strong pace with 16 wins and a 6647 pinfall. Holy Cross now is sitting pretty in first place, followed by Fordham with 12 wins and St. Michael with 11 wins, St. Mary with 11 wins and Georgetown with 11 wins.

Fordham is led by ANN O'CONNELL, St Michael by MICHEAL O'CONNELL, St. Mary by FRANK RESCIGNO and Georgetown by AL MOCCIO.

EDDIE CONNOR was the star of the night, falling 358 pins in a 123-122-113 night. With Connor's heroics, St. Anselm took 3 wins from St. Michael's and raised their record to 9 wins. The losses hurt St. Michael's chase of Holy Cross.

St. Louis, captained by JEFF DANNER, did well in taking 4 wins from Notre Dame who is captained by JOHN RESCIGNO. Danner hit 110-113-94 for 317; Rescigno hit on 111-106-108 for 325 but John 's showing didn't help in his team the losing effort.

Catholic University, with 8 wins overall, took 4 wins from Loyola (who have 10 overall). JIM SNYDER, captain of Catholic University, and AL MOCCIO, captain of Georgetown, encouraged their mates during a tough match. JUNE BORGATTI dropped 321 pins (not bad at all) and ERIC GEIGER dropped 320. Both June and Eric bowl for Catholic University. Moccio dropped 311 but no soap for the whitewashed team of Georgetown.

Fordham went to town and took 4 wins from Loyola. Fordham's captain, Ann O'Connell, dropped 325 pins and was the number one star. JOE RESCIGNO who bowls with Ann, did hit a 112 string. That was a good showing for Joey. But ED ANDERSON, who captains Loyola, did come up with a 117 but it was not good enough for them to take any wins and Fordham vaulted into second place.

Villanova, captained by ERNIE BLAIR, managed to take 3 wins from St. Mary who is captained by popular barber FRANK RESCIGNO. MIKE CHEKOVSKY did mighty well with a 328 pin fall and STEVE STORK, who bowls for the St. Mary side, did try hard but in vain with a 301 pin fall. St. Mary's managed just 1 win in the match.

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